

I have never been one to favor government control or censorship. The idea that the government can control what we do or say is repugnant and will only lead to the demise of our free society. That being said, I do not feel that this has to do with censorship of free speech. In reality, it is providing a safe environment where our children can learn and grow without being exposed to material that is vulgar and obscene.

I will begin my argument by mentioning that I have lived in a country where nudity is openly displayed on the news, not the evening news, the lunch hour news. Public nudity is also acceptable. And why not, it is openly shown on broadcast television. That is as public as the park or the beach. All you need is an antenna and a television and you have open and free access.

I bring this up because I believe this is the destination of our country if we follow this and other similar changes in law and policy. This kind of change will only weaken the already tenuous hold the FCC has in the courts to enforce the standards of decency that are in place. Some would argue that the reduction in governmental regulation would be a good thing. That public nudity is a form of free speech. I will ask one question to those that argue that point. "Does the first amendment provide the right to expose oneself to children?" Seriously, is it ok for a 50 year old man to expose himself to an 11 year old girl? We are not talking about adults exposing themselves to other adults. We are talking about nudity in open public, where children are. We are not talking about adults having sex behind closed doors. We are talking about adults having sex in front of children in public. And if in public, why not behind closed doors?

These changes will only result in the further desensitization of our society that is already overly sexed as it is.